

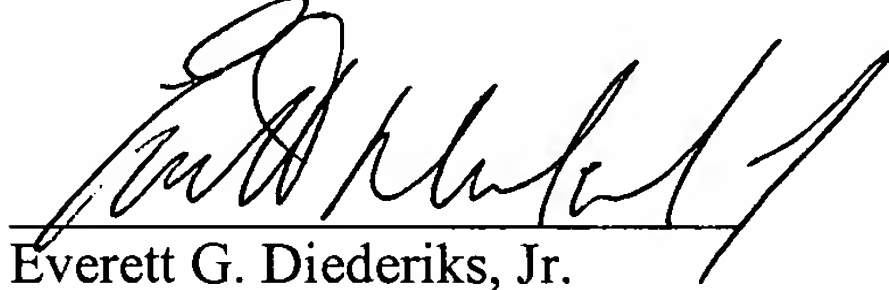
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Blake and her Supervisor Mr. Shoap for taking the time to discuss the present application with the Applicant's representative during the interview conducted on September 12, 2005. In addition, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to follow-up with the Applicant's representative regarding potential agreements reached during the interview. In any case, as a result of the conversations between the Examiner's and the Applicant's representative, it has been agreed upon that adding the particular details of claim 6 to independent claim 2 would serve to more clearly patentably define the present invention over the prior art reference to Koepfinger. Towards that end, claim 2 has been amended to include the language regarding the spring member extending within the head member, the centering element being retractably mounted within the head member, and the spring member biasing the centering element outward from the head member. The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 and those claims that depend therefrom, which includes claim 7 as amended based on the cancellation of claim 6, should now be allowable over the prior art. Finally, given the indication of allowability presented in the Office Action, claim 10 has been placed in independent form so as to include the particulars of base claim 2 as previously presented. In addition, in order to maintain the combination claim, claim 1 has also been amended to recite corresponding limitations of claims 2 and 10, while retaining the limitations of claim 14.

Regarding claims 1 and 14-19, which are the subject of a restriction requirement, on May 23, 2005 the Applicant filed a petition with the Commissioner traversing the restriction of claims 1, and 14-19. As of the date of this response, the Applicant has not received a reply to the petition and, thus, has not removed claims 1 and 14-19 from consideration. At this point, it should be noted that claim 1 includes all the limitations of claim 2, as well as claims 10 and 14, and should therefore be readily allowable. In addition to the patentable distinctions of claim 2, claim 1 is further distinguished based on the subject matter also found in independent subcombination claims 10 and 14.

Based on the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentably defined over the prior art such that passage of the application and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, she is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below if it would further expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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